Funds received by NGOs from foreign countries

†2386. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many NGOs working in India received funds from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the names of such NGOs togetherwith the details of their activities, their sources alongwith the funds received by them during the last three years;

(c) whether existing mechanism/legal infrastructure is adequate to monitor their funds; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to tone up the monitoring process to check the functioning of these NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of NGOs which report receipt of foreign contribution are contained in the Annual Report on the 'Receipt of Foreign Contribution by Voluntary Associations' brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Copies of these Annual Reports upto the year 2002-03 are available in the Parliament Library. The Report for the year 2003-04 is under compilation. State-wise details of NGOs registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 are also available on the MHA's web site mha.nic.in/fcra.htm.

(c) and (d) It has been observed that the FC(R) Act, 1976, in its present form, lacks adequate safeguards to check the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by the recipient organizations. In order to strengthen the law regulating receipt and utilization of foreign contribution, a proposal to enact a new legislation, replacing the existing Act, is under active consideration of the Government.

Rape cases

†2387. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of rape and atrocities on women belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have increased in the country;

(b) the State-wise details thereof for the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.